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Water-supply scheme for Tindivanam.

* 423 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether there is any scheme with the Government for the provision of drinking water-supply to the Tindivanam Municipal area in South Arcot district; and, if there is any, when it will be executed?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" The plans and estimates for the first stage of the Tindivanam Water-supply Scheme comprising the construction of an experimental well and the conduct of yield and quality tests have been approved by the Government. The Executive Engineer (Public Health), Central Division, has taken up the scheme for execution."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN:—" Sir, is there any other scheme to get water from the river?"

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER:—" Is any amount allotted for taking up the work this year in 1953-54?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" The municipality has agreed to finance the scheme from their funds, Sir."

Applications under the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act, 1949.

* 424 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many applications for (i) selection felling and (ii) clear felling were received by this Government under the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act, 1949, from Malabar during 1952–53;

(*b*) how many of these applications were for cultivation purposes;

(*c*) what is the total area involved in these applications;

(*d*) how many applications were rejected and how many sanctioned; and

(*e*) whether the Government have any information as to the area cultivated and the area left waste after clear felling has been made during the last three years?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (*a*) Ninety-five applications for selection felling and 132 applications for clear felling were received during 1952–53.

" (*b*) Ninety-one applications were for cultivation purposes.

" (*c*) 7,917 acres.

" (*d*) Permits were granted in 64 applications for selection felling and 27 applications were rejected. As regards applications for clear felling, permission was granted in 67 cases and 49 applications were rejected. Four applications for selection felling and sixteen applications for clear felling are pending disposal.

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"(e) The area cultivated during the last three years (1950, 1951 and 1952) was 10,447.41 acres and the area left waste was 3,033.80 acres."

Supply of ammonium sulphate to South Arcot district.

* 425 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the quantity of sulphate of ammonia supplied so far after decontrol to the South Arcot district and the quantity sold therefrom to other districts and to the traders therein?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER (on behalf of the Hon. Minister for Agriculture):—"A quantity of 2,532 tons of ammonium sulphate was available in South Arcot district on 1st October 1953 (i.e., after decontrol) for distribution. In November, 1,080 tons were transferred to South Arcot from other districts.

No quantity was transferred from South Arcot district to other districts.

A quantity of 477 tons was distributed to traders from the agricultural depots in Sourth Arcot district in October 1953."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN:—"நூற்றுக்கணக்கான டன் அமோணியம் சல்பேட் மதுரை, கோயமுத்தூர், சேலம், திருச்சிராப்பள்ளி ஆகிய ஜில்லாக்களுக்கு அனுப்பப்பட்டது. அதற்கான தாக்கீதுகள் மேலிருந்த ஜில்லாவில் இருந்தும் அனுப்பப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அது என்?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"Sir, I have stated that 1,080 tons of ammonium sulphate were transferred from other districts to South Arcot. The hon. Member has brought upon himself the adverse answer by his question."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN:—"ஒரு மூட்டை அமோனியம் ஸல்பேட் ரூ. 60-க்கு விற்றது அரசாங்கத்திற்கு தெரியுமா?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"That is a different question, Sir. Let me have notice."

Construction of additional blocks in the Government Hospital, Kozhikode.

* 426 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the construction of the remaining two blocks in the Government Hospital, Kozhikode, will begin; and

(*b*) why it has been delayed?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"(*a*) & (*b*) The construction of the remaining two blocks of buildings in the Government Headquarters Hospital, Kozhikode, has been deferred owing to financial stringency."